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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Eva SIMMONS et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/380,208)	Examiner: Michele M. KIDWELL
Filed: November 8, 1999)	Confirmation No.: 2331
For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT)	
INCLUDES A LIQUID BARRIER WITH)	
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ ___ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) is/are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are ___.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___ on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (\$375.00 (2809)/\$750.00 (1809)) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
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Total Claims			0	\$ 18.00	\$ -
Independent Claims			0	\$ 84.00	\$ -
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					\$ -
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ -
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ -
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ -

- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$___ is enclosed.
☐ Charge \$___ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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